GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRIVATE AIRLINES IN DOMESTIC SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the enhanced participation of private airlines in the domestic sector;

(b) whether the public sector airlines are unable to provide facilities to the domestic passengers;

(c) if so, whether the Indian Airlines is suffering heavy losses on account of the enhanced participation of private airlines in domestic sector;

(d) if so, whether the Government have formulated any policy to put a check thereon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) to (e): The decision to allow operation of private airlines in the domestic sector was taken in 1994. This has facilitated growth and improvement in air-services. While Indian Airlines have lost part of their market share, affecting their revenue also, they are operating more professionally in the competitive environment and have again started making profits since 1997-98, after incurring losses from 1989-90 onwards.